

HOUSE RESOLUTION 62
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James Harvey Overcast
of Bedford County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James Harvey "Buddy" Overcast; and

WHEREAS, a life-long member of the Bedford County community, Buddy Overcast was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Overcast served with acumen and alacrity as the Director of the Shelbyville Parks Department and Recreation Center for more than twelve years, a position in which he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Overcast was an energetic and forward-thinking Director who made many improvement projects, including the construction of a multi-million dollar recreation center with an Olympic-sized indoor pool, an outdoor pool with a water slide, a Celebration Station play area, a state-of-the-art four-stall batting cage with pitching and return machines, and a large pavilion donated and built by the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, this hard-working professional was associated with the Parks Department since beginning as a volunteer who helped to plan the softball fields. Due to his hard work and diligence, one softball field was named in his honor in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Overcast was an active supporter and advocate for sports, and he ran the adult softball league for twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, as an owner of the Shelbyville Sports Shop, he was an avid sponsor of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Girls' Basketball Association for twenty-eight years; his AAU teams won National Championships in 1987 at Oxford, Mississippi; in 1998 at Spokane,

Washington; and in 2004 at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Because of his commendable devotion to his AAU teams, Buddy Overcast was awarded a Lifetime Membership Service Award with the AAU organization; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and recognition, Buddy Overcast received numerous noteworthy awards for his community involvement, including the Lions Club Certificate of Appreciation in 1994, the Southeastern Volunteer of the Year Award in 1995, the first award for Tennessee Volunteer of the Year for Girl's Basketball in 1995, the Public Recreation Man of the Year Award in 1996, the Swim Club Special Recognition Award in 1997, the Shelbyville American Legion Baseball Award in 2003, and the Rotary Club Appreciation Certificate in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Overcast was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Overcast enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-six years, Billie Tipps Overcast, and was the proud father of daughter Cindy Overcast Reagan and son-in-law Ron Reagan. He was a devoted grandfather to Claire Elizabeth and Shannon Elise Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buddy Overcast leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of James Harvey "Buddy" Overcast, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. James Harvey "Buddy" Overcast.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.